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Seven tracts in the Burmese, Chinese, and Hindustan languages, chiefly on religious subjects. From Dr. Dawson of Philadelphia.

A letter was read from Mr. M. W. Rowe, dated New Harmony, Indiana, Oct. 2, 1847, containing some observations on the generation of the Opossum.

Mr. Conrad read a paper, entitled "Observations on the Eocene formation, and descriptions of 105 new Fossils from the vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss.; with an Appendix." Referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Wilson and Leidy, and Mr. Phillips.

Stated Meeting, Oct. 19, 1847.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Two vertebræ of a Cetacean and three Chelonian bones; from the green sand of New Jersey. Presented by Dr. J. Thomas. Sulphuret of Antimony and Talc, from Burmah; also several species of Cypræa from the same. From Dr. Dawson. Sulphate of Baryta, from Antrim, Ireland. Presented by Mr. Wm. L. Mactier.

Dr. Morton deposited the crania of a Swede, Chenouk Indian, Bengalee, Lapan Indian and ancient Phœnician. Also, a cranium of *Phoca vitulina*, and casts of crania of a Mexican, Burat, Abyssinian and Patagonian.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Genera Plantarum secundum ordines naturales disposita: Auctor Henrico Endlicher. Fascic. 8-16. 8vo. From Dr. Wm. Darlington.

Versuch über die perspiration einiger mit lungen athmender

wirbelthiere; von C. L. von Erlach. 4to. Bern, 1846.
From Dr. Morton.

Dissertatio medica inauguralis continens observationes quasdam
anatomicas comparatas de Squatina lævi. Auctore Henrico
Bourse Wils. Lugduni Batavorum, 1844. From the same.

Esquisse des principaux points de vue sous lesquels on peut con-
siderer l'anatomie de l'Homme et des animaux dans sons état
actuel. Par M. Duvernoy. Paris, 1840. From the same.

Quelques observations sur l'animal de la Spirule, et sur l'usage
du siphon des coquilles polythalamés. Par M. H. Blainville.
Paris, 1838. From the same.

Fragment d'anatomie comparée sur les organes de la génération
de l'Ornithorynque et de l'Echidné; par G. L. Duvernoy.
4to. From the same.

Öfversigt of slägtet Erinaceus af Carl J. Sundevall. From the
same.

Faculté de Médecine de Paris. Thèse pour le Doctorat en Mé-
decine, présentée et soutenue le 22 Août, 1845. Par Louis-
Pierre Gratiolet. 4to. Paris, 1845. From the same.

Über den bau und die Lebenserscheinungen des Branchiostoma
lubricum, Costa, Amphioxus lanceolatus, Yarrell. Von J.
Müller. Folio. Berlin, 1844. From the same.

Natural History of New York. Agriculture of New York. By
Ebenezer Emmons M. D. Vol. 1. 4to. Albany, 1846. Pur-
chased by order of the Academy.

Literary Record and Journal of the Linnean Association of
Pennsylvania College. Vol. 3, No. 12. From the Associ-
ation.

An Address delivered before the Chester county Horticultural
Society at West Chester, Pa., September 10, 1847: by Wm.
H. Dillingham; with the Transactions of the Society for 1846,
'47. Philadelphia, 1847. From the Author.

A letter was read from Prof. Haldeman, dated Columbia, Oct. 16, 1847, calling the attention to a collection of Birds and Reptilia for sale at Tampico, Referred to the Curators.

Mr. Gambel exhibited an albino specimen of the Wood Pewit, (*Muscicapa virens*) which was obtained in Liberty county, Georgia, by Mr. Wm. L. Jones, of that State, and also a specimen of a Woodpecker resembling *Picus pubescens*, but probably a new species. This last is remarkable in having only three toes, and would therefore more probably belong to the genus *Picoides* Lacép. (*Apternus*, Swains.) The feet are slender and delicate, without even a rudiment of a fourth toe; in other respects it more closely resembles the *P. meridionalis*, Swains. (*P. Gairdnerii*, Aud.) which is also an inhabitant of Georgia. It differs in having the bill more compressed at the base, the tips of the tertiaries without emarginations, the primaries narrower and more pointed, and in the toes being only three in number.

Meeting for Business, Oct. 26, 1847.

MR. PEARSALL in the Chair.

The committee to whom was referred Dr. Hallowell's paper, describing a new *Coluber*, reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

Description of a New Species of Coluber inhabiting the United States.

BY EDWARD HALLOWELL, M. D.

Coluber venustus.

Characters.—Head small, neck slender, color reddish-brown, with a dorsal ash-colored band extending from the occiput to near the extremity of the tail; four narrow bands of reddish-brown color from the neck to the commencement of the tail, with two intermediate bands of the same color, but less distinct; an ash-colored, band resembling that upon the dorsum, along each side of the abdomen; abdomen of a brick-red or copper color; tail short.

Description.—Head small, elongated, flattened above, covered with nine